

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving, at a central site, a call identification information and a corresponding response instruction, from a remote user;

receiving a forwarded call, the call originally placed to a telephone number of a remote user and forwarded to the central site upon not being answered at a telephone of the remote user;

automatically identifying the call using input prompted from the caller; and

responding to the call in accordance with the corresponding response instruction.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the call identification information is an originating telephone number of the call.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein in the call identification information is a name of the caller, and automatically identifying the call includes receiving as the input from the caller the name of the caller as speech input.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the corresponding response instruction includes presenting a particular recorded voice message.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the corresponding response instruction includes forwarding the call to a particular alternative telephone number of the remote user.

7. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

means for receiving, at a central site, a call identification information and a corresponding response instruction, from a remote user;

means for receiving a forwarded call, the call originally placed to a telephone number of a remote user and forwarded to the central site upon not being answered at a telephone of the remote user;

means for automatically identifying the call using input prompted from the caller and

means for responding to the call in accordance with the corresponding response instruction.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the call identification information is an originating telephone number of the call.

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein in the call identification information is a name of the caller, and automatically identifying the call includes receiving as the input from the caller the name of the caller as speech input.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the corresponding response instruction includes presenting a particular recorded voice message.

12. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the corresponding response instruction includes forwarding the call to a particular alternative telephone number of the remote user.

13. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium that provides executable instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving, at a central site, a call identification information and a corresponding response instruction, from a remote user;

receiving a forwarded call, the call originally placed to a telephone number of a remote user and forwarded to the central site upon not being answered at a telephone of the remote user;

automatically identifying the call using input prompted from the caller; and

responding to the call in accordance with the corresponding response instruction.

14. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the call identification information is an originating telephone number of the call.

15. (Previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein in the call identification information is a name of the caller, and automatically identifying the call includes receiving as the input from the caller the name of the caller as speech input.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the corresponding response instruction includes presenting a particular recorded voice message.

18. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the corresponding response instruction includes forwarding the call to a particular alternative telephone number of the remote user.

19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the call is identified via a speech recognition mechanism.

20. (Previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the call is identified via a speech recognition mechanism.